

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and amend claim 12 as follows:

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A process for producing ~~7-ADCA~~ 7-aminodesacetoxycephalosporanic acid (7-ADCA), which process comprises the steps of (a) cultivating penicillin G producing cells which is transformed with ~~the~~ a nucleic acid molecule of Claim 4 encoding a mutated penicillin expandase, which mutated penicillin expandase is derived from a wild-type expandase of a *Streptomyces* species, wherein the mutated penicillin expandase has a substitution at one or more amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of residues corresponding to methionine 73, glycine 79, valine 275, leucine 277, cysteine 281, and glycine 300 of SEQ ID NO: 1, under the conditions suitable for production of penicillin G and expression of the mutated penicillin expandase such that the penicillin G is expanded by the mutated expandase and phenylacetyl-7-ADCA is produced; (b) deacylating the phenylacetyl-7-ADCA to produce the 7-ADCA.

Claim 13 (original): The process of Claim 12, wherein the penicillin G producing cells are *Penicillium chrysogenum* cells.

Claim 14 (original): The process of Claim 12, wherein the phenylacetyl-7-ADCA produced from Step (a) is recovered by filtration and extraction steps.